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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on hens, generally steady to barely steady on toms. Heavy trading reported on open priced hens and toms for May through September. Demand for whole birds mixed. Parts and meats trading remains selective as most buyers bidding lower.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, balance of export items light. Most buyers approaching the market very selectively and price conscious.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 15, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	1440	MAY-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	2200	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	MAY-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	920	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with

6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days

from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment steady at best on tom drums and necks, and steady to barely steady on thigh meat and tom wings. Undertone on hen parts steady on necks, full-cut wings and drums, steady to fully steady on 2-joint wings. However, some sellers have seen a slowing of interest on hen 2-joint wings. A few industry members have also noted a general slowing of buyer demand in bulk parts as some take a wait and see position while they watch for further market developments. Fresh tom breast meat was mostly fair with some processors not seeing the activity that others are indicating. Trading was light on all items for domestic and export shipments. A part load of Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts traded at 115 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00	30.00	3	
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	34.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	37.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	30
NECKS, TOM		R	32.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	29.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	168.67	550
THIGH MEAT	69.00		69.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	67.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	118.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	137.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	141.67	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	66.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.17	960
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.00	160
TAILS		R	29.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00		66.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	84-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment was generally steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Demand was light to fair with interest noted for deferred shipments. Grade A 4-8 lb. breast trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for the slow to instances moderate inquiry. Offerings light. Trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat ranged from steady to instances weak. Inquiry was fair to good at the lower trending price levels. Some sellers, as a result of the increased activity, were starting to express increased confidence in the thigh meat market, others, however, were less optimistic. Mechanically separated turkey trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Supplies of tom drums were adequate to instances ample with spot offerings noted in the East at lower trending price levels. Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Tom necks traded at 27.50-28 and hen full-cut wings at 32 cents delivered export. On Monday, May 16, 2001, USDA released the initial announcement for the PY-245 Turkey And Turkey Products Purchase Program.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	34.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	37.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	31.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	48.00		48.00	40
NECKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	9
NECKS, HEN		R	29.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	168.00-170.00		168.50	160
THIGH MEAT		T	69.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	67.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	118.00	80
TENDERLOINS	135.00		135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00		140.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	141.67	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00-67.00		66.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-19.00		16.33	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-31.00		29.86	196
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.00	160
TAILS		R	29.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00-69.00		65.59	1,086

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/02/01

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	ACCUMULATED HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2000-2001	-	350,325	350,575
1999-2000	-	330,457	330,807